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TWELVE ARE DEAD.

More News of the Fatality on the Santa Fe Railroad.

LIST OF THE KILLED AND INJURED.

Ghoulish Attempts After the Wreck to Rob the Sufferers While They Lay Writhing and Groaning Among the Burning Debris.

Emporia, Kan., Sept. 10.—Twelve known dead, one missing, probably incinerated, and 14 injured, two of whom will likely die, is the record so far of the terrible head on collision on the Santa Fe road. Even now it is not positively known that the list given is complete, as it is believed that several persons were burned to death and nothing left by which they could be recognized.

Human ghouls delved in the wreckage and plundered the mail sacks, which strewn the ground. One tried to snatch a diamond from the breast of an Emporia doctor, who, weak and nervous, was creeping slowly out of the debris. He had strength enough left to hit the brute in the face, which made him sneak away. Mail sacks were dragged into the cornfield and rifled. The report at the Kansas City office is that practically all of the mail on both of the wrecked Santa Fe trains was destroyed. One pouch, however, for southern California, on the west bound train No. 1, is said to have been saved. This train, when it arrived, carried a large mail from New York city to California, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. No official report has been received here.

The bodies of 11 have been found in the debris, three burned beyond recognition.

List of Dead and Injured.

Nothing could be found of the remains of the Wells Fargo express messenger, J. F. C. Sauer. A handful of charred bones taken from the wreck, however, are supposed to be his. Near them was found his watch.

The dead are: Michael McGlade, postal clerk, Kansas City; J. F. C. Sauer, Wells Fargo express messenger, Kansas City; John Shirley, fireman, Topeka; R. A. Doran, postal clerk, Emporia; Nat Hollister, fireman, Topeka; James Brennan, engineer, Topeka; C. W. Van Cleave, brakeman; Ben Walters, fireman, St. Joseph; Gonzales, fireman; Dan McKearnan, a tramp; William Ertisbee, engineer, Topeka; an unknown tramp.

The missing: Harvey Fowler, a farmer of Emporia.

The injured are: J. M. Bell, Florence, hip bruised; Alex. Ferguson, conductor on No. 1, Kansas City, hip hurt; Claude Holliday, express messenger, Lawrence, both legs broken; D. O. Etter, express messenger, Kansas City, legs broken, will die; John Dagan, Topeka, face maimed; J. T. Butler, attorney of Chase county, hip broken, may die; William F. Jones, Kansas City, leg and arm broken; H. P. Moleck, Atchison, badly hurt; Phil Schier, express messenger, Kansas City, hips crushed; William Patrick, Kansas City, leg and arm broken; C. D. Adams, City of Mexico, painfully bruised; Mike Sweeney, Gainesville, Tex., leg hurt; R. O. McGee, postal clerk, Kansas City; E. C. Fletcher, postal clerk, Kansas City.

Says Croker Will Not Run.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 10.—The Evening Post at yesterday afternoon published an interview with Edward H. Dillon of the firm of E. H. Dillon & Co., Bridgeport, touching the political campaign now on in New York. Mr. Dillon recently returned from Europe on the same steamer with Richard Croker. Mr. Dillon in an interview, says that he became well acquainted with Mr. Croker and that the latter during the trip stated that he would not be a candidate for mayor of Greater New York, but would take a hand in naming a candidate.

Have Had Enough African Labor.

Colon, Colombia, via Galveston, Sept. 10.—The authorities having decided to repatriate the African laborers recently imported to work along the line of the Panama canal will send them back to Africa by the steamer Holyrood, which is momentarily expected. After the epidemic of beriberi broke out among them they gave such serious trouble by refusing to work, demanding wages without work and committing other offenses that the government was obliged to send troops to quell the disturbance. Order is now restored.

Watching the Dauntless.

Savannah, Sept. 10.—The United States gunboat Annapolis has arrived at Tybee to relieve the gunboat Wilmington, which has been engaged for several weeks in watching the movements of the tug Dauntless. The Wilmington has sailed north. The revenue cutter Boutwell is anchored several miles down the river on guard, while the Dauntless is tied up to a wharf in this city and is closely watched from the land side.

Labrador Codfishing a Failure.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 10.—The latest intelligence from Labrador confirms the reports of the complete failure of the cod fishery this season. The catch is very small, and the low prices probably mean a severe winter for the fishermen. The Gloucester fishing schooner Virginia has arrived here and is leaking badly. She made water so rapidly that she had great difficulty in reaching port.

Torpedo Boat News.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The navy department has been informed by the contractors that the third trial of the torpedo boat Rodgers will be made on Chesapeake bay tomorrow. Commander Dewey has made known unofficially to the navy department that the recent trial of the Annapolis was a success.

EXPERTS EXAMINED.

The State Begins Its Task of Proving Human Flesh Was in Luetgert's Vat.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Both the morning and afternoon sessions of the court in the trial of Adolph L. Luetgert were consumed in the taking of expert testimony. Through chemical analysis the state must establish not only the possibility of a human body being dissolved by the action of caustic potash heated to the boiling point, but also the fact that the bits of bone, hair and flesh and the scrapings of pinkish brown material from the interior vat in the sausage factory are portions of the body of a human being. If they can demonstrate these two propositions beyond a reasonable doubt, one of the most important points of their case will have been accomplished. By circumstantial evidence they have endeavored to prove that Luetgert was anxious to rid himself of his wife and that he enticed his wife to this factory on the evening of May 1. By expert testimony they expect to prove that Mrs. Luetgert's remains are now represented by the bits of bone, flesh and hair.

Two expert witnesses have been called, Dr. Charles B. Gibson and Professor Mark de la Fontaine. Dr. Gibson, whose direct examination was begun Wednesday, offered further testimony for the state and was turned over to the defense for cross examination. Professor de la Fontaine was examined by Assistant State Attorney McKewen, the direct examination occupying the remaining time of the morning session and the entire afternoon session.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Scores of the Baseball Games.

At New York—
Pittsburg 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0—5
New York 0 0 2 1 1 0 0 0 0—4
Pittsburg—Hits, 11; errors, 7. New York—Hits, 4; errors, 1.

Second game—
New York 4 0 0 1 1 0 0 *—5
Pittsburg 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0—2
New York—Hits, 6; errors, 2. Pittsburg—Hits, 5; errors, 8.

At Brooklyn—
Brooklyn 2 0 0 0 5 0 0 0—7
Cincinnati 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—0
Brooklyn—Hits, 7; errors, 2. Cincinnati—Hits, 4; errors, 3.

At Washington—
Washington 2 0 2 4 0 1 0 0—9
Cleveland 3 2 0 0 1 1 1 0—8
Washington—Hits, 11; errors, 2. Cleveland—Hits, 14; errors, 3.

At Baltimore—
Baltimore 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 *—3
Louisville 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—2
Baltimore—Hits, 8; errors, 1. Louisville—Hits, 8; errors, 2.

At Philadelphia—
Philadelphia 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2—5
Chicago 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0—4
Philadelphia—Hits, 5; errors, 1. Chicago—Hits, 11; errors, 2.

At Boston—
Boston 2 3 0 1 0 0 5 2 *—13
St. Louis 0 3 0 0 0 1 2 0—6
Boston—Hits, 16; errors, 1. St. Louis—Hits, 16; errors, 2.

Standing of the Clubs.

Team	Won	Lost	P. C.
Baltimore	79	33	.705
Boston	81	35	.698
New York	75	40	.652
Cincinnati	65	47	.580
Cleveland	57	53	.516
Washington	52	61	.460
Chicago	52	64	.448
Brooklyn	51	65	.440
Philadelphia	51	65	.440
Pittsburg	49	65	.430
Louisville	49	67	.423
St. Louis	27	85	.245

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

A rich gold strike is reported in New Mexico near Santa Fe.

Would-be train robbers fired at a train near Ripon, Cal., and then fled.

Alaska salmon vessels reaching San Francisco report heavy catches.

Natural gas is believed to have been discovered in the Philadelphia stockyards.

Dr. Seward Webb and his hunting party have reached the Yellowstone en route to Jackson Hole, Ida.

The report comes from St. Petersburg via Berlin that the Franco-Russian alliance exists only in imagination.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wage of Elmira have driven to Denver at a cost of \$75, including the purchase of a new horse.

The president is not expected to reach Washington until Sept. 15. Mr. Aldrich of Chicago is expected to succeed General Lee in Cuba.

The steamer Belle of Memphis sank in the Mississippi river near Chester, Ills. The passengers got off safely. Loss about \$30,000.

The British police have been ordered to notify the United States government when anarchists are known to be embarking for America.

Nineteen out of 20 congressmen in letters published in Boston, deny knowledge as to how the discriminating clause was inserted in the Dingley tariff law.

Attack on Up to Date Religion.

Nyak, N. Y., Sept. 10.—Rev. Dr. Robertson of Glasgow, at the Christian alliance convention, directed a blow at modern philosophers who want to conduct religious matters on the so called up to date method. He declared there were too many coat tail buttons in the church today. They are ornamental but not useful. Rev. Dr. Cassman, a missionary, said the present manner of raising money by urging was a blight upon the mission's financial tree. If the work was done according to the principles of the Christian alliance, the money would come without urging.

Prohibitionist For Assembly.

Schenectady, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Professor Edward H. Billings of Delanson has been nominated for member of assembly by the Schenectady county Prohibitionists.

THE AMERICAN NAVY

Good Maneuvering by the North Atlantic Squadron.

ROOSEVELT REVIEWS BATTLESHIPS.

The Assistant Secretary Very Favorably Impressed by the Efficiency and High Quality of Our Floating Fortresses.

Fortress Monroe, Va., Sept. 10.—The Dolphin has returned to Hampton Roads with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who has just completed an inspection of the North Atlantic squadron at sea and while under full fleet maneuvers. This is the first inspection made in recent years under such conditions, and the results were highly satisfactory. Under the eye of the assistant secretary an extensive programme of exercises was successfully executed in a limited period of time.

The Dolphin reached the southern drill grounds Tuesday forenoon, joining the squadron while the ships were at subcaliber practice. This was suspended by Admiral Sigsbee upon his learning of Mr. Roosevelt's desire to witness heavy gun practice, and the battleship Iowa was designated to fire her batteries in the presence of the assistant secretary, who was taken aboard for the purpose. The practice was excellent, and from the big 12-inch guns down to the little machine guns the battery worked without serious hitch, and splendid targets were made. The crack armored cruiser Brooklyn was next put through her paces and ran up and down the firing line, making good practice at the distant target. In the evening the flagship New York repelled an imaginary attack by torpedo boats, using searchlights and her secondary battery with great effect. Following came a searchlight drill by the entire squadron, making a most beautiful and unique marine spectacle. Night signaling with the Ardois system of colored electric lights closed the day's work, and the squadron passed the night at anchor on the drill grounds 30 miles east of the Virginia capes.

Wednesday's programme included squadron maneuvers. The ships got under way early, on signal from the New York, forming in column and passing in review to and fro before the Dolphin, which remained at anchor. The beginning of the exercises was preceded by the release of a flock of ten carrier pigeons bearing messages to the Norfolk navy yard. The squadron made a magnificent show as it came past the Dolphin, with the great battleship clearing the long swells with resistless power and showing the big guns and men at quarters on the side. Single column, double column, formation on echelon, wheels to right and left and many other combination movements were attempted with splendid precision, and the manner in which the seven big ironclads maintained their positions in line while under cruising speed, going through these complicated movements, earned the unstinted praise of the assistant secretary. A novel feature of the day's maneuvers was the use for the first time in any navy of Japanese daylight fireworks as a means of signaling, a system which is being developed to meet the emergency that might follow the loss in action of the signal mast or the hiding of a ship by smoke.

Mr. Roosevelt Entertains Officers.

In the afternoon the commanding officers of the squadron were entertained at tea by Mr. Roosevelt on the Dolphin, and the gathering of seven of the most officers of the navy aboard ship at sea afforded an opportunity for an exchange of valuable professional views as to the qualities of the ships they command. In the evening Admiral Sigsbee entertained Mr. Roosevelt at dinner aboard the flagship, and Wednesday closed with another display of night signaling and searchlight work.

The trip has been in every way more than satisfactory. The target practice, under service conditions, the fleet maneuvers and the practice with the searchlights at night in discovering and sinking drifting targets have each and all been done in a way which reflects very high credit upon the admiral, his captains and their officers and crews.

The signaling both at night and in the daytime, including the day signals with the Japanese fireworks, has been excellent. The rapidity and precision of the practice with the rapid fire guns and the extraordinary accuracy with which the huge turret guns were fired were equally noteworthy. There were several matters of less importance, like the successful use of carrier pigeons, which also deserved comment. In short, there is reason to be satisfied with every detail of the management of the huge warships, from the conning towers to the engine rooms and gun turrets. This is the first time that such a squadron of modern ironclads as ever been under command of an American admiral. Indeed, it is the first time in peace that an American admiral has ever commanded a squadron relatively so formidable, compared with the warships of other powers.

A State Committee Meeting Called.

New York, Sept. 10.—Chairman E. W. Hackett of the Republican state committee has issued a call for the committee to meet Saturday, Sept. 18, at 12 noon, at the Fifth Avenue hotel here, to nominate a chief judge of the court of appeals.

A \$1,000,000 FAILURE

This May Be the Indebtedness of New York Brokers.

MESSRS. J. R. WILLARD & CO. ASSIGN.

All the Members of the Firm Are Out of Town and a New Clerk Is in Charge—The Firm Had Many Branches.

New York, Sept. 10.—J. R. Willard & Co. made an assignment, and their customers who have made profits on their recent investments in the stock market were bitterly disappointed when they found it impossible to get anything from the company. Preference is noted for William H. Osterhout for \$20,000. The cause of the failure was the fact that the managers of the concern looked for a big slump in prices and consequently sold short. The bull market caused a big loss, and a suspension was made necessary.

Reports reached this city from several places where the company has correspondents that there had been failures to pay customers the profits due them on their investments. At the same time the clearance sheet on the Consolidated Exchange showed that the firm made a big profit in its dealings in wheat.

The head of the firm is J. R. Willard of Chicago. The other members are Elmer and Jay Dwiggins. Mr. Willard became a member of the Consolidated Exchange on Sept. 22, 1895, at the time when the company was organized. He never has been on the floor of the Exchange, but all of the business was done through other brokers. Elmer Dwiggins is now on his way home from a long trip abroad. He will reach here on Saturday. The other brother is in Philadelphia. The local office recently was put in charge of a clerk, who states he has been in the employ of the firm only two weeks. The assignee is C. L. Starbuck, who says that he has been in the employ of Mr. Willard for the last two years.

The Assignee Speaks.

"I do not know what the firm will do," he said. "I did not know until a day or so ago that there was the slightest reason to doubt the ability of the company to pay all of its losses on sight. I do not know whether or not the company will ever resume or what will be done."

"How many creditors have you?" was asked.

"The list is about so long," replied Mr. Starbuck, measuring off about three feet with his arms.

A number of the long list of customers dealt largely in wheat. It is not expected that Mr. Willard or either of the Dwiggins will come here to straighten out matters.

The firm has offices at 55, 280 and 127 Broadway, this city; 235 Elliott square, Buffalo; 133 E. Second, Washington; 101 Chestnut street, Philadelphia and 1719 Notre Dame street, Montreal.

Guy Arbogast, one of the confidential clerks, said: "Of course, it is impossible to give any information as to what the assets and liabilities will be as yet. It will be some time before the books of the firm can be gone over, and not until this is done will we be able to state the amount of the failure."

Mr. Arbogast at first refused to say what caused the firm to go to the wall, but finally admitted that they had been caught badly on both sugar and wheat. He said:

"It is true that neither of the members of the firm are in town. The firm, until very recently, was among the largest dealers in the country."

It is said that the liabilities of the Willard company will be not less than \$1,000,000.

The Buffalo Branch.

Buffalo, Sept. 10.—A brief dispatch, announcing the assignment of J. R. Willard & Co., was posted on the door of the concern's branch office in the Elliott square building, but business appeared to be going on as usual notwithstanding. The dispatch on the door was said to be the first intimation of financial difficulty received at the local office. George H. Wright, the manager, has gone to New York to see what arrangements can be made. The man in charge stated that all customers would be protected.

An Attachment in Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 10.—Henry Dwyer of Wilkes-Barre has secured a writ here to attach the monies of Willard & Co. now on deposit in the First and Third National banks, the savings bank and the Trust National bank of this city. Dwyer has also considered the business with Willard & Co. but says the failure of the latter has not affected them much.

No Liabilities in Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Colonel Frank Bond, agent for J. R. Willard & Co., the New York brokers, who failed, declares they have no liabilities here. The failure caused considerable talk here, where they did a very large business.

No Great Losses in Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 10.—J. R. Willard & Co. of New York and the International Commission company of Buffalo had branches in this city and did a large business. There will, however, be no heavy individual losses.

Drowned While Fishing.

Little Falls, N. Y., Sept. 10.—James Haggerty, 9 years old, while fishing in the Mohawk river with his twin brother and another lad, fell into the water. His companions became frightened and ran home and told of the boy's accident. Searching parties last night found the body in ten feet of water near where the boys were fishing.

WANTS HIS DAUGHTER BACK.

To Do So Lewis W. Gill Has to Have Recourse to Law.

New York, Sept. 10.—The suit brought by Lewis W. Gill, who is with the Standard Oil company in Chicago, to obtain possession of his 5-year-old daughter Mary from the custody of Mrs. Flora A. Lyon, is being heard before Referee Nealls in the supreme court here. Mrs. Lyon has had possession of the child since the death of its mother, on May 18, 1894.

Gill, on direct examination, said he is in receipt of a good salary and if awarded the custody of his daughter will take good care of the child.

Mrs. Lyon said that she had lived in Chicago in the same house with the Gill family, and when Mrs. Gill came home from Texas very ill she had acted as her nurse until her death. The witness said that she had an understanding with Gill and his relatives about the child, and all were satisfied. She came to New York, with Gill's knowledge, and for the purpose of getting him a position here. If awarded the custody of the child, Mrs. Lyon said, she would continue to act like a mother to the little one, who had been unable to talk until last January.

A number of letters filled with words of affection and written by Gill to Mrs. Lyon were introduced. In one letter Gill said he does not fear about his little daughter's care as long as she is in Mrs. Lyon's hands, and this letter he signed "Your devoted son."

In another, dated Feb. 6 last, Gill says his employer in Chicago had been insinuating about his (Gill) paying more devotion to Mrs. Lyon than to his business and that he had been reminded that Mrs. Lyon is still a married woman.

Gill concludes this missive with, "Flora, darling, you alone know how I feel, and only you alone could comfort me, if I were in your arms, but it cannot be tonight or tomorrow night. Will it ever be again? God knows I love you with all my heart, and my hope has been that that happiness would be with the three of us in a little home together."

TESTING ITS VALIDITY.

The Higher Court Will Decide if Drafted Men Can Recover Substitute Money.

Albany, Sept. 10.—The constitutionality of the law of 1892, permitting towns to raise money to refund to drafted men the \$500 paid by them for substitutes will be decided by the court of appeals at the term of the court which opens on Oct. 5.

The briefs in the case have been filed with the clerk from an appeal by Elmer F. Ostrander from a decision of Judge Charles F. Brown, concurred in by the appellate division, holding the act to be unconstitutional. Ostrander was a resident of the town of Monroe, Orange county. In 1893 he was drafted and put up \$300 for a substitute. He now seeks to get the money back under the law which permits towns to raise a fund for such purposes. Hundreds of such drafted men in this state have been getting their money or part of it back, and hundreds want to do so, but the decision, if it stands, will stop them, and those who have received the \$500 from the various towns will have to refund it.

Legislation of a character precisely similar to that had been held to be unconstitutional in the courts of the states of Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. In the decision the lower court says:

"The money paid by a drafted man to escape personal service in the army was in no sense beneficial to the public. The sole object of the payment was to escape the performance of a public service, and it was an affair which concerned the drafted man alone. Not in the slightest degree did it promote the public good."

OLD KEEPER DEAD.

A Familiar Face at the Tombs Prison Will Be Seen No More.

New York, Sept. 10.—Henry Evans, who had lately been a keeper in the Tombs prison here, died at Bellevue hospital. He was about 70 years old, and in the early fifties he was a member of the metropolitan police department of this city. While a policeman Evans gained a reputation for the part he took in the arrest of Lew Baker, who killed Bill Poole in 1896. Poole was shot in Stuyvesant jail on Broadway and died 11 days later, proclaiming himself in his last breath to be an American.

After being charged and escaped from this city and ended for the time being, Evans was later captured by the authorities and Evans was one of the policemen sent to capture Baker. The Grapshot overhauled the vessel on which Baker had taken passage, and the fugitive was brought back to this city. Baker was tried for the killing of Poole, and on the ground of self defense he was acquitted of the crime of murder.

Willis Will Have No Counsel.

Boston, Sept. 10.—It has been learned that Everett Willis, the young desperado who tried to shoot the guards at the state prison while assisting his brother Herbert, the Taunton murderer, to escape, refuses to exercise the privilege the law gives him to choose counsel and will, as he expresses it, "go it alone" when he is tried for assault with intent to kill and take his medicine like a man. Willis has been silent most of the time since he was brought to the prison two weeks or more ago. He suffers considerably from his wounds.

Red Cross Representative.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The secretary of state has certified to the designation of Julien B. Hubbell, George H. Pullman and Miss Clara Barton as representatives of the United States at the international conference of the Red Cross to be held at Vienna Sept. 20 to 30 inst.

THAT STATE CAPITOL

Pennsylvania's Governor and the Commission Disagree.

ARCHITECT'S PLANS CAUSE TROUBLE.

When Those Passed on by Experts Were Rejected Despite Governor Hastings, He Became Indignant and Then Left the Meeting.

Harrisburg, Sept. 10.—The commission which has in charge the erection of a new state capitol at a cost of \$550,000 came into conflict with Governor Hastings when, against his vigorous protest, they rejected all the plans recommended by the board of experts and decided to ask the architects for new ones. The governor was so displeased that he withdrew from the meeting and declined to further participate in the commission's proceedings. It is expected that he will resign from that body.

The trouble began when Senator McCarrell offered a resolution disapproving the action of the board of experts in excluding from the competition of architects the designs of Harding & Gooch of New York and Furness, Evans & Co. of Philadelphia. The resolution also provided that the envelopes containing the names of the 30 competitors be requested of Judge Simonton and opened, and if the names of the authors of the two plans thrown out be found among them all designs be sent back to the competing architects.

Senator McCarrell and Auditor General Mylin spoke against the recommendation of the board of experts and urged the adoption of the resolution.

The Governor's Opposition.

Governor Hastings was emphatically opposed to the resolution and made a formal protest, which he requested to be placed on the minutes of the commission. John M. Carrere of New York, speaking for the board of experts, said that they had acted in what could be termed a judicial capacity; that their report should be accepted as final, and that they declined to make another examination of the rejected drawings.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 to 1, Governor Hastings voting in the negative. Those favoring the resolution were Auditor General Mylin, Senator McCarrell, State Treasurer Haywood and Speaker Boyer. The governor retired from the room with Attorney General McCormick, who acted as legal adviser of the commission.

A second resolution was offered by Senator McCarrell and adopted, after which the commission adjourned to meet next Monday. Governor Hastings sent word by Private Secretary Beiler that he would not attend the meeting. The second resolution annuls and cancels all the provisions of the competition, save only those describing the buildings to be covered by the design and the grounds to be occupied thereby and the mandatory provisions limiting the cost.

The governor in his formal protest accuses the members of the commission who upheld the resolution of violating the faith and credit of the commission and the honor of the commonwealth.

Benham May Have to Be Tried Again.

Buffalo, Sept. 10.—Howard Curtis Benham's conviction for the murder of his wife has been stricken from the complaint in the action brought to deprive him of his wife's property. It is thought that this act will necessitate the proving again of the guilt of Benham in administering prussic acid to his wife, Florence Toot Benham. Justice Childs has handed down a decision in the civil action brought by Howard Sidney Benham through his guardian, Mary E. Farrant, to exclude Benham from any participation in the estate left by Mrs. Benham. Justice Childs handed down a memorandum with his decision, setting forth that the law holds that a conviction for murder cannot be set up in the pleadings in a civil suit.

The New Cuban Tariff.

Madrid, Sept. 10.—The Official Gazette has published the new customs tariff of Cuba. Nearly all American goods are subjected to lower duties. The new tariff prohibits the entry into Cuba of arms, projectiles, munitions of war, dynamite, gunpowder, sugars (except Spanish sugars), honey, molasses, silver or bronze coins, secret pharmaceutical preparations, tobacco (except snuff), chewing tobacco and artificial wines.

A Rays on Wounded Men.

Boston, Sept. 10.—Carl Butters of Concord and John Harris, the murderer of Mrs. Butters, are reported to be in a somewhat improved condition at the Massachusetts General hospital. Both have been photographed with the aid of X rays, and the bullets have been located, but no operation will be performed until the pictures are fully developed.

Twenty Swindlers Sentenced.


Como, Italy, Sept. 10.—The trial of fraudulent bankrupts in connection with the liquidation of the Bank of Como was brought to a conclusion. The court sentenced Signor Lurachi to seven years' solitary imprisonment and placed him under perpetual interdiction from holding public office. Twenty others were found guilty and sentenced, only one of the accused being acquitted.

Speech Against the Raines Law.

Canandaigua, N. Y., Sept. 10.—Hon. Julius Harburger of New York addressed a large public meeting here last night and fiercely attacked the Raines excise law. He declared the Greater New York campaign would be fought out on these lines and that this was the first gun to be fired. He met with a warm reception, considerable enthusiasm being expressed.

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HOME MOUNTAINS.

We Don't Have to Go Abroad to Find High Climbing.

There are 110 mountains in Colorado whose peaks are over 12,000 feet above the ocean level. Forty of these are higher than 14,000 feet, and more than half of that number are so remote and rugged that no one has yet dared to attempt to climb them. They are as unique as those of Switzerland, and as fearful as the Alps in the warning they offer to the men or women who are so hardy as to defy them by starting upon their ascent. Some of them are massed with snow, others have glaciers over their approaches, and others are merely masses of jagged rocks.

Not even Coloradoans have sought as yet to surmount them, and the profession of "guide" is still open to whoever may care to enter it. Railroads reach within close enough range to provide hotel facilities, but otherwise the mountain climbing of Colorado is yet awaiting its pioneers. Did the Coloradoans or the people of other states fully realize the intoxicants as well as the health-giving powers of mountain climbing, Rocky mountain climbing would be one of the most popular recreations of America.

Only one mountain-climbing club is known to exist in Colorado. There is room for a dozen more. There should be one in every city. By the evidences such clubs might offer of their thrilling experiences and of their unexampled pastimes, the fame of the Rockies as a place of pleasure and adventure might be widely advertised, and Colorado thus be pushed forward to the place it must eventually occupy as the American substitute for Switzerland. —Denver Times.

SHUNNED LIKE LEPERS.

A Colony of Degenerate Human Freaks Who Live Like Beasts.

A most revolting form of human degeneracy is to be seen on Snake creek, in the Indian nation, Indian territory, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. A small colony of human freaks, with dirty, whitish hair, and white, glassy eyes, eke out a miserable existence in the midst of the most filthy surroundings, being ostracized from the companionship of the other Creeks. These degenerates are the result of frequent intermarriage among a class of mongrel whites, negroes and Indians, and the degeneracy has kept dropping down the scale of human intelligence until it is said these people eat snakes, toads and other reptiles. They use a peculiar jargon, many expressions resembling the clucking of hens and the unpleasant noises made by belligerent geese. Their hair is somewhat kinky, but stands out nearly straight, giving them a very frightful appearance. They live out in the open air, except in very unpleasant weather, when they crawl into rude caves or dugouts, reeking with filth and vermin. Many of them are afflicted with sores, and are deformed or cross-eyed. They are too lazy to be mean, but the very sight of them is sickening, and they are shunned like lepers. A subagent has been asked for to look after their annuities and to secure for them something like human comforts. They have many children, and their offspring are most pitiful looking objects.

IMPROVEMENTS IN GILDING.

Modern Methods Insure Better and Less Dangerous Work.

In nothing has the superiority of modern over former methods been made more manifest than in the various processes employed for gilding, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Now the greater portion of gilded articles are gold-covered by means of the electrical bath. Formerly gilding was done by laborious and troublesome processes, in certain stages very detrimental to the health of the workmen. The old-time gilder used an amalgam of gold and mercury, causing it to adhere to the bronze article by means of nitrate of mercury, the nitrous and mercurial fumes being poisonous, always endangering the health of the workman, and sometimes inducing incurable disease. Now the article to be gilded is placed in an electric bath. The current is turned on, and in a short time the piece is ready for the burnisher. Gilding by means of gold leaf and gold powder is still practiced, the work being mostly done by hand, but its delicacy is such as to require long practice and great experience. An amateur gilder has no earthly chance of success—his work will always show the inexperience of the workman.

Queer Names.

A traveler who spent some time in the wilds of Texas says that he found families who named the children to endorse a sentiment after this peculiar fashion: "One Too Many Harry," or "Not Wanted James." It is to be hoped that the names did not embarrass their owners with more than one sense of superfluity. The negroes of the south, when left to their own methods of naming their progeny, strive for the most romantic and poetic or historic names they can find, and a good, long string of them, too. A colored girl in Laurens county, S. C., is named "Fair Rose Beauty Spot Temptation Touch Me Not." The youths struggling under the patronymies of "George Washington Henry Clay Benjamin Franklin Andrew Jackson" are so numerous as to excite no comment.

Coffee for America.

A Brazilian doctor who has been experimenting with coffee as a remedy for anemia says that he has brought about some remarkable cures. He requires his patients to drink weak coffee exclusively, also ordering them to take baths in a decoction of coffee.

Worshiped Their Wheels.

When the bicycle was first introduced in India it was not at all an uncommon thing for natives to fall down and worship it. Calcutta can probably claim more women cyclists than any other city in India.

ALMOST SEVERED HER TONGUE.

Brutal Assault on an Aged Connecticut Woman.

Westport, Conn., Sept. 10.—The Fairfield county authorities, who for weeks have been searching for the murderers of Marcus Nichols of Trumbull, will have their attention diverted by what seems to be a murder in Westport. The victim is Mrs. Daniel O'Brien, 70 years old, who was found by her husband lying insensible on the floor near her bedside with a deep gash back of her left ear. The woman's tongue was almost completely severed, and her face was badly battered. Her husband expresses total ignorance as to how his wife received her injuries, and the woman has thus far been unable to give any information. The couple are reported to have amassed considerable wealth, but they live in a veritable hovel, and their eccentricities have acquired for them more than a local reputation.

A Trades Union Resolution.

Birmingham, England, Sept. 10.—The Trades union congress has adopted a resolution in favor of the nationalization of land, mines, minerals, royalty, rents, railways, waterways and docks and in favor of the municipalization of all water, artificial light and tramway undertakings and also adopted a resolution favoring the nationalization of the mineral royalties of the country.

Ten Years' Sentence on a Boy.

Buffalo, Sept. 10.—Valentine Malala, an Italian boy, was sentenced to Auburn state prison for 10 years and 11 months by Judge Emery in the county court. Malala's crime was the shooting and killing of another Italian, Anthony DiRenzo, during a game of cards in Lancaster, this county, on June 20 last.

The Vice Consul at Nova Scotia.

Washington, Sept. 10.—John F. Burdell has been appointed vice consul of the United States at Sydney, N. S.

His Plan.

"How is it, colonel?" asked the hopeful young bunco stealer, addressing the hoary-headed master of the craft, "that you have always been so successful in picking out juicy suckers, and never have to waste your time on unprofitable subjects?"

"I simply wait till I hear a man say that he is a pretty good judge of human nature," replied the veteran, "and then I know he is just what I am looking for."—Puck.

"That Tree Was Worth Keeping."

"No, sir," said Dr. Jalap. "I wouldn't have that apple tree cut down for any money."

"But you never get any fruit from it," argued Brown. "Boys steal all the apples from it before they are half ripe."

"That's just it," replied the doctor with a quiet smile; "that tree brings me a good \$200 every year."—Odds and Ends.

Tompkins' New Store. NO. 8 EAST MAIN STREET.

Great and extraordinary sale of Dress Goods, Silks and Winter Underwear, beginning Monday, Sept. 13th, and continuing for one week. On Tuesday, Sept. 14th, the great Orange County Fair begins at Middletown and will continue for four days. You have had a hard season's work, take a day off, bring your wife and children along and have a day of pleasure at the Orange County Fair and combine business with pleasure. You need Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes. Nowhere can you find such an assortment and such low prices as at Bright, Busy, Wide-awake, Middletown, and particularly in Dry Goods. Nowhere can you find such remarkably low prices as at Tompkins' New Dry Goods Store. We have made a great special effort for Fair week, both because we want to and because we have to. Before the advance in prices, caused by the new tariff, we bought big lots of Dress Goods, Silks and Winter Underwear, and our store is packed to the ceiling. We find that we have bought more goods than we can dispose of this season through the regular channels of business, so have decided to give the public a big slice of these goods during Fair week at practically what they cost us, to reduce this big, unwieldy stock to proper proportions. Positively none of these goods will be on sale at these prices until Monday, Sept. 13th.

One Rule of Best Unbleached Muslin.

Equal price per yard, at sale 3 1/2c a yard. So that this Muslin will go as fast as possible, we limit the quantity to 10 yds to each customer.

We Will Sell Any Grade of Bleached or Unbleached Muslin

You may ask for it at 1 to 2c below regular prices during this great sale.

Lonsdale Cambric Se a Yard.

Confidence is the key note of success. Reliability of the goods we sell and certainty of finding grades as promised has made Tompkins' New Store a household word in Middletown.

Wide Shewing and Pillow Muslin—Bleached.

14 yards wide, worth 12c., at sale 8c.; 2 yards wide, worth 20c., at sale 14c.; 24 yds wide, worth 20c., at sale 16c.; 24 yds wide, worth 25c., at sale 17c.

Unbleached.

14 yds wide, worth 10c., at sale 7c.; 2 yds wide, worth 18c., at sale 12c.; 24 yds wide, worth 21c., at sale 15c.; 24 yds wide, worth 24c., at sale 16c.

Remnants of Century Flannel.

10c goods, at sale 6c a yard.

Red Calico, Small Black Figure.

at sale 3 1/2c a yard.

Black and Silver Grey Mourning Calicoes

best quality finish, at sale 4 1/2c a yard.

Dark Ground Calicoes

at sale 3 1/2c a yard.

Indigo Blue Calicoes,

best grades, 12c a yard.

Apron Check Gingham.

best, 4 1/2c a yard.

Large 15c Turkish Bath Towels

9c each.

Remnants of Linen Toweling,

each 3 yards long, 16c a remnant.

300 Shondler Shawls.

in plaid and checks, value 40c., at sale 10c each

Men's Cravat Neckties.

Silk, Club House, String Ties,

10 and 15c value, at sale 6c each.

All Silk Windsor Ties,

in plaid and stripes, 25c goods, at sale 10c each

Outlined Doilies

at 1c each.

Better Goods for the Same Money

or the same goods for less money are the very foundations of this business. It is the principle that has governed every transaction of the past and it will remain the key note of all our doings in the future. You can find it ever present; every price is marked at its actual equivalence. You can save money by buying here.

Handkerchiefs at 3c Each.

Ladies' White Hemstitched, worth 10c., and Men's Turkey Red Handkerchiefs, worth 5c., all at this sale 3c each.

Colored Dress Goods

in the newest weaves, designs and colorings in a magnificent array of the best Foreign and Domestic productions, absolutely correct styles, all wool and silk and wool, value 75c., at Tompkins' sale, this week, 50c a yard.

Dyspepsia-proof

Dyspepsia, the thief that steals away so much of life's pleasure, has no accomplice more pernicious than lard. Bar every lard-soaked thing out of your diet, and make your digestion proof against dyspepsia and the ills that follow it, by eating the appetizing and digestible food that is prepared with

COTTOLINE

The genuine Cottoline is sold everywhere in one to ten pound yellow tins, with our trade marks—"Cottoline" and "steer's head in cotton-plaid wreath"—on every tin. Not guaranteed if sold in any other way. Made only by THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago. St. Louis. New York. Montreal.

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The great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervous diseases of the generative organs of either sex, such as Nervous Prostration, Falling or Lost Manhood, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Youthful Errors, Mental Worry, excessive use of Tobacco or Opium, which lead to Consumption and Insanity. With every \$5 order we give a written guarantee to cure or refund the money. Sold at \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL COMPANY, Cleveland, Ohio.

SOLD IN MIDDLETOWN BY W. D. OLNEY.

FOR SALE.

Trotting mare Nellie, Polonaire record 2:30, and dam of Nellie Lakue, record 2:22 1/2. Enquire of C. A. ECKHART, Farmer, Bergen County, N. J., or E. H. LARUE, Circleville, N. Y. d, Aug 12/96

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IN Pursuance of an order made by Hon. John J. Beattie, on the 7th day of May, 1897, notice is hereby given to all creditors and persons having claims against John Ferriman and Leon Simpson, lately deceased, to present their proper vouchers therefor, duly verified to the subscriber, the executor of the said John Ferriman and Leon Simpson, for the benefit of creditors, at the office of his attorney, on or before the 27th day of September, 1897.

CHARLES L. ELWOOD, At-Law, VANAMER, WATTS & VAIL, Attorneys for Assignees, 4 East Main St., Middletown, N. Y. 3d That Respect

JOSEPH VUOLO, practical shoemaker, 64 Fulton street, 6th fl., shoe and boot and best of 50c up; ladies' shoes 40c up. No shoes too old to mend. New system for dining patent leather shoes when cracked. Also a full line of ladies' and gent's shoes from \$1 up. You cents off of every dollar's worth of goods bought. TRY THEM. 723-1st-July-95

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—General fair; Saturday Cooler.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 73°; 12 m., 93°; 5 p. m., 94°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

Sept. 14—ECHO meeting, C. E. Societies.
Sept. 14-17—Orange County Fair.
Sept. 16—"Mae Sans Gene," at Casino.
Sept. 21—Trolleyman's picnic, at Midway Park.
Sept. 25—Japanese Kettle Drum, at First Baptist Church.
Oct. 1 and 2—Orange County Horse Show, at Goshen.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1897.

The papers which, two days ago, announced that Richard Croker had returned to New York for the purpose of running for Mayor, now say that he has decided not to run. It is a moral certainty that he never had any idea of being a candidate. Mr. Croker thinks it the better and greater part to be a maker of mayors.

The most interesting political information from New York city, to-day, is that the financial backers of the Citizens' Union have cut off the supplies of cash because they think the hot heads in the Union are going too fast and hurting Low's chances by making it impossible to dicker with the Republicans. Even "reformers" cannot campaign it without cash and the stoppage of supplies has had a subduing effect on the ardor of some of the Low boomers.

The attitude of the New York papers toward Seth Low's candidacy is of interest as showing how lightly metropolitan papers hold the obligations of loyalty to the parties whose principles they advocate. The *Tribune* and *Press* both favor the nomination of Low by the Republicans and the *World*, *Times* and *Evening Post*, though professedly Democratic make no secret of their preference for Low over any candidate the Democrats are likely to name.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in an Albany case has decided that a liquor tax certificate, though it has a cash surrender value, is not "property" within the meaning of the statute requiring the filing of assignments of mortgages and transfers. Incidentally the court held that an assignment of a tax certificate is valid only when made as security for the payment of money loaned for the purpose of obtaining the certificate and that such a lien is valid as against all subsequent judgment creditors.

The customs receipts under the Dingley tariff still fall far short of those under the Wilson tariff, and are very much less than the expenditures of the government. As a deficit maker it is likely to prove worse than the McKinley or Wilson acts, which is not at all strange, for in the mad rush of special interests to secure every penny of protection that high duties could be made to yield the revenue necessities of the government were forgotten, and duties were levied not with a view to filling the treasury, but with a view to benefiting beyond manufacturers and making consumers pay tribute to them.

Ireland will have to face one of the hardest winters it has known in fifty years. Reports as to crop conditions and prospects grow more and more gloomy. The potato crop is a failure because of the blight, and in the mountain districts there are absolutely no potatoes. Corn and hay are rotting on the ground, and the oat crop was beaten to the earth and is moldered and rotting. The British government has been warned that unless relief is given with a most generous hand there will be much suffering and loss of life, but as in other hours of Ireland's need, it will probably act so slowly that the help it finally gives will have to do what a great nation ought to do cheerfully, generously and at once.

A Valuable Patent.

Thomas C. London, of Minus, Conn., a brother of W. H. London, of this city, has been awarded a patent on an "improved provision rack," for which the Greenwich *News* says he has refused an offer of \$50,000. He considers the patent worth \$100,000.

Indoor Base Ball at Newburgh.

The Fifth Separate Co., of Newburgh, played the first game of indoor base ball in its armory, last evening. Teams were selected from the ranks of the benedicts and bachelors and the married men won by a score of 17 to 5.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

Important Testimony Produced by the
at This Morning's Session.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Shortly before the session opened in the Luetgert trial, this morning, a dry goods box with its gruesome contents of bones, lime and reeking canvas, by examination of which the witnesses for the state expected to establish both the possibility and fact of a human body having been disintegrated in the vat in the sausage factory, was brought into the court room.

Prof. Delafontaine, whose examination was begun, yesterday, was the first witness. Witness identified several bits of bone which he received from Inspector Schanek, asserting that the particles were taken from the sluice leading from the vat and he positively identified them as human, being portions of joints from fingers and toes. This, one of the most important facts which the State expected to establish, produced no effect upon the equanimity of the prisoner who tilted back in his chair, wearing his usual expression of interest, but betraying no emotion.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD WRECK.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEWCASTLE, Col., Sept. 10.—Thirty people were killed and as many more were badly injured in a wreck on the Rio Grande railroad shortly after midnight, last night. A freight train collided with a passenger train containing 200 passengers, and many who were pinned beneath the debris, were burned or scalded to death. Of twenty-nine passengers in the day coach only six are now known to have escaped. Owing to the great confusion definite particulars cannot be obtained, but the wreck is said to be due to the carelessness of the conductor of the freight train whose name cannot be learned.

STEAMER CIRCASSIA DISABLED AT SEA.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The Anchor Line steamer *Circassia* is drifting in mid-ocean with a broken shaft. The *Furnessia*, which sailed for Glasgow yesterday, was detailed to look after her, and tugs have been sent to her assistance from English ports. No concern for her safety is felt by the company.

SPAIN EXCITED OVER INSURGENT VICTORIES IN CUBA.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, Sept. 10.—The news of the capture by Cuban insurgents of the town of Victoria, in DeLas Tomas province, Santiago de Cuba, has caused great excitement here. The cabinet ministers have been summoned to meet this evening to consider the situation.

THE YELLOW FEVER SCARE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 10.—Ocean Springs reports one new case of yellow fever, this morning, and one suspicious case. There have been no deaths since the one reported yesterday at Biloxi. All reported fever cases are now convalescent.

OBITUARY.

James Lewis Blair Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Irwin, of 14 Fairview avenue, were bereft Thursday evening of their bright little son, Jimmie, aged three years, nine months and six days, who died about 8 o'clock, after a two days' illness, the cause of death being fluens pneumonia.

He leaves three brothers and two sisters, Robert H., John W., Benjamin Harrison, Georgianna and Nellie F., to mourn his loss. They with the bereaved parents, have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The notice will appear later.

To Open Evenings.

On account of the Orange County Fair, the clothiers and tailors of this city will begin to keep their places of business open evenings next week, instead of the week following as originally intended.

Will Open Tuesday.

France & Hathaway will have their furniture opening Tuesday, Sept. 11. Their announcement will appear, to-morrow.

To heal the broken and diseased tissues, to soothe the irritated surfaces, to instantly relieve and to permanently cure is the mission of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. W. D. Olney.

ITCHING SKIN DISEASES

SPICKY CURE TREATMENT for itching, discharging, itching, burning, and scaly skin and scalp diseases with loss of hair. Warm baths with E. F. TIGER BALM, and application of CUTICURA (ointment), a real cure of Eczema, Ringworm, Venereal, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures.

Cuticura

Is sold throughout the world. Forthrightly and Cures. See Trade Mark. "How to Cure Itching Skin Diseases," free. RED ROUGH HANDS softened and beautified by CUTICURA Soap.

Strong Nerves

Nerves just as surely come from the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla as does the cure of scrofula, salt rheum, or other so-called blood diseases. This is simply because the blood affects the condition of all the

Hood's Sarsaparilla

bones, muscles and tissues. If it is impure it cannot properly sustain the parts. If made pure, rich, red and vitalized by Hood's Sarsaparilla, it cures health instead of disease, and repairs the worn, nervous system as nothing else can do. Thus nervous prostration, hysteria, neuralgia, heart palpitation, are cured by

Hood's Pills

Because it is the One True Blood Purifier
Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills and digestion.

AN ALIBI OFFICE.

A Curious Institution Opened Up in Paris.

Novel ideas are being put into practice every day, and if rumor is to be believed the latest thing in original conceptions has assumed the form of an alibi office. What is an alibi office? the bewildered reader may be inclined to ask, says a Paris correspondent of the London Telegraph. Well, in this particular case it is an establishment which undertakes to post letters from any and every corner of the world. It is, in fact, a sort of philanthropic institution, devised for the benefit of persons who, while remaining quietly at home in a sort of incognito condition, can make believe that they are on a long tour. Thus is human vanity satisfied, and thus are the expenses of a regular journey saved. A man takes leave of his friends at the close of the season, with the announcement that his recreation will assume the form, for instance, of a run through Spain and Portugal; and at regular intervals follow letters from Madrid, Seville, Lisbon, Oporto, and so on, duly stamped and postmarked. The alleged promoters of the enterprise are represented as arguing that after all this pleases some people who do not care for the trouble and fatigue of traveling, but are eager to enjoy the prestige with which a grand tour will, as they fancy, invest them in the eyes of their friends. After all, this may be mere report, for the office is described as being a very discreet institution, having no outward and visible sign of existence.

COLOSSAL TREE IN MAINE.

Trunk Is Twenty-Three Feet Around and Branches Contain Band Stand.

Jay, Me., claims one of the biggest trees in Maine. It stands on the banks of the Androscoggin, on the lawn of the late Dudley Bean. The circumference four feet from the ground is 23 feet, diameter seven feet. About six feet from the ground there are seven branches radiating from its trunk, which are from 18 to 24 inches in diameter. The branches spread over a space of ground 290 feet in circumference, or 90 feet in diameter. Where the branches leave the trunk of the tree about seven feet from the ground there has been erected a band stand, which seats 25 persons. A cooler place on hot days cannot be found. A Boston gentleman was riding by recently and the tree attracted his attention. He examined and measured it and was astonished at its dimensions. He went away with the remark that if the tree was on his lawn \$10,000 wouldn't buy it. It was set out 42 years ago by Lafayette Bean on the day of his departure for California, whence he never returned.

Colorado's Peaks.

There are 110 mountains in Colorado whose peaks are over 12,000 feet above the ocean level. Forty of these are higher than 14,000 feet, and more than half of that number are so remote and rugged that no one has dared to attempt to climb them. Some of them are massed with snow, others have glaciers over their approaches, and others are merely masses of jagged rocks.

What Mamma Said.

"Dick proposed to me last night."
"What did you tell him?"
"I said he had better ask mamma, and what do you think the wretch said?"
"Goodness knows!"
"He said he had asked her already, and she wouldn't have him."—Boston Beacon.

Age and Crime.

Twice as many crimes are committed in Paris by those between the ages of 15 and 20 as by those between 20 and 40.

OUR FALL IMPORT ORDER



SEE OUR DRESS GOODS DISPLAY.

CARSON & TOWNER,
No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.JOHN E. ADAMS,
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Shirt Waists!

We Have About 100 Left. All the Best Styles. The Price Less Than Cost. A Good Chance to Buy Cheap.

Muslins and Sheetings are advancing in price. We are selling all the best kinds in 36, 42, 45, 50 inch, 8-4, 9-4, etc., at the very lowest prices the market has touched.

Dress Goods Specials—

1 full Dress Pattern, fine Serge, \$2.28, black and navy.

1 full Dress Pattern, Super Storm Serge, \$2.49.

We will furnish all linings, steels, velvet bindings, hooks, shields, silk and cotton, first class quality, for \$1.

Note the total cost of a fine imported dress.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

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PRICES THE LOWEST.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

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Next to Carson & Towner's.

The latest Fall Styles in Men's Calf Shoes, Goodyear welt, double sole, \$2.50.

Our Men's \$1.50 and \$2 Light and Heavy Shoes are the best in the city for the price. Call and see them.

Boys' and Girls' School Shoes at low prices.

REAL KID GLOVE!

that retails at \$1, is now ready for inspection. We show all the latest tints and stitchings. Wear warranted.

FALL HATS—FALL HATS!

Still another invoice just received. They are big sellers. All the latest shapes in all grades. Our new Electric and Soft Band Hat take NEW FALL CLOTHING—Overcoats, Suits and Extra Pants—men's, youth's and boys—bought before the rise. Now is your time. New fall line of Fancy and Dress Shirts. Mother's Friend Shirt Waist for boys.

Merchant Tailoring Dept.

We are showing the largest stock of Overcoats, Fancy and Dress Suits and Trousers, offhand and domestic manufacture, in the city. Have already taken some nice orders. Now is the time to make your selection while the stock is complete. Balance of Spring and Summer Stock at a big reduction to close out. All are invited to call on.

GET READY

for fall and winter by fixing up your homes. We have a large assortment of

TAPESTRIES!

Just the thing to upholster your couches and easy chairs, also a fine display of

Chenille and Tapestry Portieres and Table Covers.

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OUR SPECIALTY, VEGATINE BOUQUET SOAP!

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The Great Food Digester.

S. Grover Graham's Dyspepsia Cure is having a very unusual sale, because of its unusual merit. For sale by

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High School or Ward School

or wherever they go, pupils will want the best things in School Supplies.

We have them, the biggest Tablets and the best Note Books at 5 cents or any cents. The best and cheapest pencils, slates, pencil boxes, rulers, sponges, etc. In fact the largest stock of the best school goods in the city. We have all the novelties as usual.

New and second-hand School Books bought, sold or exchanged.

Hanford & Horton,

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Custom Department!

Our Fall and Winter Woolens are here and our order book already shows a very satisfactory number of fall orders. We are ready for more, however, and are ready to take your measure at any time.

We Have a Fine Assortment of

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OUR HATS.

We are selling double the number of Hats we usually do. Our styles must be popular, our prices must be right. Let us top you off with a hat. \$1.00, \$1.25 for a Good Hat. \$1.50, \$2.00 for a Fine Hat.

OUR CAPS.

Men's Caps 14c up. Boys' Caps and Tams in an endless variety. See our Children's Turban Hats. Something new.

Morris B. Wolf,

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STERN'S EARLY FALL NOVELTIES.

We Have for Early Buyers New Felt Hats, New Bicycle Hats, and All Kinds of New Walking Hats. New Styles of Fall Ribbons and New Fancy Wings.

JUST RECEIVED A NEW LINE OF FALL JACKETS AND CAPES FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

The balance of our summer stock goes for very little money!! All our \$1.48 and \$1.98 Linen and Crash Skirts go for 98 cents—all sizes.

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C. EMMET CRAWFORD.

DAILY ARGUS.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1897.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—Fall styles in shoes at The Hub.
—Chase & Sanborn's coffee at Maple Bros'.
—Plumbing business for sale.
—Big lot of pouches at Fredmore's.
—McMonagle & Rogers give three prizes for angel cake.
—Canned peas 5 cents at R. F. Todd's.
—Meats cheap at Phillips & Kinsland's.
—Loriet kid gloves \$1 at Carson & Tower's.
—Fall styles in hats at Hodge & Co's.
—Dance at Columbia Park, Friday night.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local news.
—A new "bucket shop" has been opened in the Low Building on North street.
—An increased demand for blue stone is reported from along the O. and W.
—The "Ups and Downs of Life" at the Casino next Tuesday evening.
—Forty wheels are stored in the basement of the High School each school day.
—Several carloads of building sand have been recently shipped from Fish's Eddy to New Jersey.
—P. P. Powers planted cucumbers late in July and expects to harvest a large number if frost keeps away.
—The work of resetting the curb on King street preparatory to paving the street was begun this morning.
—The employing barbers of Newburgh have formed an association for the advancement of their mutual interests.
—A number of the residents of the western part of the city will form a party for a trolley ride to Goshen, this evening.
—The manager of Warwick's hose factory reports that business is picking up, and that its goods were never in better demand.

—Lagene won the 2:20 trot at Plattsburgh, yesterday, in 2:16, 2:14, and 2:16. The first heat was won by Vera in 2:19.

—Prices for Sussex county peaches in New York, this week, have ranged from nothing up to a dollar a basket for the best fruit.

—The bicycle races postponed for the Wallkill Valley Farmers' outing day will take place at Ramsdell Park, Newburgh, Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

—Middletown's new high school building, which cost \$79,500, was opened on Tuesday of this week. It is a handsome structure and a credit to the city.—*Deerstown Independent.*

—Don't forget Oliver Byron and his charming wife, Kate Byron, who present the "Ups and Downs of Life" at the Casino next Tuesday evening.

—Charles Fredmore, a well known member of the 24th band, lost a band book just as he was boarding the train at Port Jervis, Wednesday night. The finder will please correspond with him.

—Jack Mulvaney, five years old and a cripple, does duty regularly as a switch tender on the Jersey City, Hoboken and Rutherford electric road. The motor-men give him pennies in payment for his work.

—"Madame Sans Gene" will be the attraction at the Casino next Thursday evening. This attraction needs no special mention for it is well known, and as the production Thursday evening will be a success.

—It is now stated that wages in Burr's shirt factory in Poughkeepsie have not been lowered, but "readjusted," the amount taken from operatives who have been earning the largest wages, having been added to those who were not doing so well.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. A. J. Neum, of Sing Sing, is here on a visit with relatives.

—Mrs. Isaac Dewitt, of Middletown, visited in Hancock the past few days.—*Herald.*

—Foreman H. R. Long, of Scranton, went to Lackawanna, today, enroute to Scranton.

—Deputy Postmaster W. H. Hyde was among the salt water day excursionists, this morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Vanderhoof, aged residents of Montgomery, are visiting relatives in town, today.

—Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Babcock, of Middletown, visited friends in town Sunday.—*Livingston Manor Ensign.*

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoffberger and daughter are visiting Mrs. H's mother in Middletown.—*Ellenville Press.*

—Miss Marie Blackwell, of Hopewell, N. J., who has been visiting Miss Lou Sloan, returned home, this morning.

—Miss Anna Donovan, of Middletown, was visiting friends in Deerstown on Monday of this week.—*Independent.*

—Miss Emma Behm, who has been a patient at Thrall Hospital for some time past, was able to return to her home, today.

—Miss Jessie Manson went on Sunday evening to Middletown for a visit of two with her cousin, Mrs. Dennis.—*Ellenville Journal.*

—J. J. Nolan, of this city, who has been a sufferer from rheumatism for several months, attended the Port Jervis fire parade, Thursday.

—Mrs. J. Threll, of Middletown, has been in Ellenville this week. Mrs. G. W. Wepier, of Middletown, visited her relatives here last week.—*Journal.*

—P. W. Smith, of this city, was named at the Prohibition convention at Syracuse, Wednesday, to represent Orange county on the Organization Committee.

—James W. Potter, of this city, went to Port Jervis, Thursday, for the first time in twenty-six years. He noted a great many changes and improvements.

—Trainman Kniffin, who ran on the Ellenville train during the summer and made his home in that village, now that the train has been discontinued, has returned to his home in this city.

FIREMEN AT PORT JERVIS

HOW MIDDLETOWN'S REPRESENTATIVES ENJOYED THE BIG PARADE, YESTERDAY.

The March Was Long, the Sun Was Hot, and Many Dropped Out of Line—Two Middletowners Overcome by the Heat—Monhagens and Ontarios Royally Entertained—A Rush for Trophies—Merry Dances—Notes and Incidents of the Day

The Middletown contingent in attendance on the Port Jervis fire parade commenced returning on Erie No. 8, Thursday afternoon, and each train since has brought back more or less of the familiar faces. All show the result of a hot sun, and a "hot time in that old town."

Port Jervis was more than hospitable. She opened up the gateways of her reservoirs of fun, and in the rush everybody was caught in the tide. The parade was a "corker," from a fireman's standpoint. The parades were well-nigh exhausted when the long march was ended, and many were forced to drop out because of the intense heat. Foreman Staib, of Monhagens, and John Cunningham, of Ontarios, were the Middletowners who suffered especially. The former recovered after a time, but the latter was put to bed in the Penney House, suffering from a genuine sunstroke.

Mr. Cunningham returned home on the noon train, to day, but is still suffering from the effects of his unpleasant experience.

The Monhagens were particularly tired out, for the reason that they were kept drilling nearly all the distance. The Old Volunteers, who "pettered out" before the march was over, applauded the Monhagens as Foreman Staib brought them across the street in company front, bailed and saluted. Foreman Staib took the "Mons" by every church in the form of a cross, and a square as they passed the Masonic Hall. They also saluted an "Cude Sam" who looked at them from a porch on a residence street.

The sturdy Ontario boys, who received many compliments for their fine, steady marching and dignified carriage, held every man in its ranks until the close of the march. The company sweltered under their heavy uniform coats.

After the parade, Monhagens returned to Port Jervis Hose house. After a short rest the two companies marched to Schneider's restaurant where a splendid hot dinner was served. The boys were hungry, and they ate without stint. There were four kinds of meats, at least a dozen vegetables, and all the other components of a good dinner for a hungry man.

After dinner was over the Erie and Collins bands united and gave a concert. Menzies Hall was the next place of interest. The companies had exclusive use of this hall, from the walls of which beams a picture of Alderman and ex-Monarchor leader W. C. F. Bastian. The "Mons" gave a "billy" cheer when this was discovered.

Here the visitors and their hosts chatted for a time, until all had appeared. W. H. Rogers was particularly interested in his old friend, C. F. Van Inwagen, with whom he laid out a base ball diamond on the old Pleasure Grounds years and years ago.

Order was restored when President Linley mounted the platform and called upon W. B. Royce to address the party.

He paid many compliments to the village and its people, his sentiments culled out frequent bursts of applause from Monhagens.

He told of how, when Monhagens tired of him as president, they searched all over the State before finally landing on a former resident of the village, Mr. Hornbeck, who is an honor to Port Jervis and to Middletown as well.

He was followed by Wilton Bennett, who gave a charming picture of a visit to West Point, concluding with the expression that there one learns that the "glory and strength of America is in her young men." Firemen, he said, are the positive heroes of the present.

E. S. Merrill, of Monhagens, was next and then Wilton Bennett presented Aaron J. Hornbeck, Monhagens' president, with a handsomely framed picture of himself, the guest of Port Jervis Hose No. 4.

Mr. Hornbeck was taken completely by surprise. He managed to stammer out that he "wished he was in Klondike," and followed it with: "If there's anything on God's green earth that will give a man the look I am in, it is gratitude and surprise." He recovered and made an exceedingly graceful speech which was greeted with storms of applause. He concluded by asking Mr. Royce to accept the picture for him, saying: "It's a hand-ome thing." Mr. Royce made particularly happy remarks in this respect.

President Linley invited Monhagens to remain to the dance to be given in the room at night, and President Hornbeck told them that he would expect them to remove the flags and eagle from St. Mary's spire. No one attempted it, however.

The Ontarios are equally well pleased with their visit. The company had a good membership in attendance, and their hosts, Neversinks, were up to the occasion of furnishing the best class and most hospitable entertainment to be had. The company was in full force at the depot, and escorted the visitors to the truck house, "just to show them where it was." The whole party then adjourned to the Park Hotel, where refreshments of an invigorating order were served. After the parade the party adjourned to the Fowler House, where a fine dinner was served. The companies were not delayed by long speeches, but were dismissed for their united entertainment after the cigars had been passed. The company had one of the most enjoyable trips in its history, and were

especially pleased at the superb treatment accorded them by the members of Neversink Hose. They were given applause at frequent intervals in the parade, and several bands appeared at the Park House to entertain them with musical selections.

During the early evening a grand rush for trophies in the shape of banners was made. A crowd climbed to Eddie Geisheimer's roof and captured the big fireman. He was then burned in the street, while the impromptu Indians did a ghost dance around it.

The dances were patronized by many, and not until daylight did the last strains of the music die away. It was a noisy night; a jolly night; a never-to-be-forgotten night in the history of Port Jervis' fire department.

VETERAN FIREMEN IN TOWN.

The Old Volunteer Firemen of New York City Spend a Few Hours in Sightseeing in This City as Guests of the Middletown Fire Department.

The Old Volunteers, of New York city, reached here at 1:10, this afternoon, and were met at the James street station by the following officials and company delegations:

Mayor Berry, Aldermen Bastian, Hirst, Ogden, Ayres and Memory.

Excelsior Hose and Ladder Co., No. 1—Foreman Marshall, First Assistant Wilson, Second Assistant Edwards, and Messrs. Emde, Weller and Case.

Monhagen Hose Co., No. 1—Foreman Staib, First Assistant Lounsbury, Second Assistant Wright, President Hornbeck, Messrs. McIntyre and Lipfield.

Eagle Hose Co., No. 2—Foreman Leon Simpson, First Assistant Emil Martini, Second Assistant E. F. Rauach, and Messrs. Davenport, Smith and Van Keuren.

McQuoid Engine Co., No. 3—Foreman Short, First Assistant McAlloon, Second Assistant James Durham, President Narn, and Messrs. Lawder and Bodine. Phoenix Engine Co., No. 4—Foreman Cordier, First Assistant Wheeler, Second Assistant Eillenberger, and Messrs. Atkins, Fountain and Chambers.

Ontario Hose Co., No. 5—Foreman Funnell, First Assistant Kerrigan, Second Assistant Adams, and Messrs. Miller, Cointor, Degroff and Heckroth.

Wallkill Hose Co., No. 6—Foreman Gavin, First Assistant Smith, Second Assistant Ogden, and Messrs. Kinne, Wilson and Wilkison.

Chief Highlan and his assistants, Schmidt and Lorenz, were there to renew acquaintances made at Port Jervis, Thursday. After several aerial bombs had been exploded the parade formed.

Capt. Veber and four officers led the way through James, Main, Orchard, North and to Franklin Square, where cars were boarded for the park. The visitors' band and drum corps made music along the line.

The crowds upon the walks were continuous in their applause, and the "Vets" walked like boys.

CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

Edwin H. Schirrmann, of the Town of Wallkill, Under Arrest.

Edwin H. Schirrmann, of the town of Wallkill, was arrested, Thursday afternoon, by Constable Wood, on a charge of abducting Ida May, the fifteen year old daughter of George Potter. He was taken to Goshen where he awaits the arrival of his mother and bail from Poughkeepsie.

Miss Stewart's Nyack Kirmess a Great Success.

The Nyack papers speak in terms of much enthusiastic praise of the kirmess under the direction of Miss Lila A. Stewart which began there, Tuesday evening. The attendance has been large at every performance, and the prospects are that a very large sum will be realized for the Nyack Hospital, for the benefit of which the kirmess is given.

Will Erect a New Building.

J. P. Koch commenced, today, the work of excavating for a meat market which he will erect upon his property at the corner of Linden avenue and John street.

Prizes for Angel Cake.

McMonagle & Rogers, in their advertisement elsewhere in this paper, offer three special prizes for Angel cake displayed at the Orange County Fair.

Appointed Night Operator.

Frank Veber, son of Police Captain Veber, has been appointed night operator and collector for the Orange County telephone company.

"Only nervous" is a sure indication that the blood is not pure. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and cures nervousness.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

GEO. B. ADAMS & CO.

CARPETS

AND MATTINGS!

Our sales are larger than usual in this department. The people seem to realize that there is a big advance in Carpets and Matting, and that

We are Selling Them Below the Market Price.

It is MONEY SAVED to buy your Carpets and Mattings OF US now.

We will not guarantee the price for any length of time.

New Ribbons in plaids, stripes, Moire and Taffeta silk.

Our Short Lengths of Dress Goods are being picked up by economical buyers.

Just enough in a length for school dresses or separate skirts.

All silk Stock Ties at 19c each, former price 25c each.

Ladies' Cloth Capes new to-day.

GEO. B. ADAMS & CO.

To Let—Offices in the Adams Building.

Geo. B. Adams & Co.

SPICES.

The Pickling and Preserving season is now here. Do you want GOOD Spices? We have them.

OLNEY'S PHARMACY, FRANKLIN SQUARE.

Rose Blankets!

There has been considerable advance by the manufacturers in WOOLEN BLANKETS. We were fortunate in getting our stock at from 10 to 25 per cent. less than they can be bought for to-day.

OUR ADVICE TO ALL IS TO BUY THEM NOW!

and buy them at the busy "Bee Hive." You cannot make a mistake. Our prices are 49c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and up to \$7.50 each. We guarantee them to be the BEST VALUES to be had anywhere.

CALL SATURDAY and see our All Wool Dress Goods 25 cents. 54-inch All Wool Sackings 50c. Watch the "Bee Hive" every day.

WELLER & DEMEREST.

Special Bargains

FURNITURE THIS MONTH.

WATCH THIS SPACE.

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Housekeepers try for one of our Three Special Prizes for Angel Cake at the Orange County Fair.

First Prize—One dozen bottles of our Premium Fruit Flavors, assorted.

Second Prize—\$2 in cash.

Third Prize—\$1 in cash.

We offer the above premiums for the Best Angel Cakes displayed at the Orange County Fair, the only condition being that each cake shall bear with it a card with the maker's name, stating the cake is flavored with McMonagle & Rogers' Premium Extract Vanilla, and of what grocer the Vanilla was purchased. The prizes to be awarded by Judges of the Culinary Department, who must notify us to whom prizes were awarded, and forward with notification the cards of successful competitors McMonagle & Rogers.

Nature's Asthma Remedy gives relief in obstinate cases, and is steadily growing in favor with asthmatics, who, being benefitted by it, "speak a good word" for it to others. Price 50 cents. Made only by

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

"Spratt's Patent Dog Cakes."

A staple food for dogs.

Mapes' Balanced Ration

for growing chickens or laying hens.

Christian's Superlative Flour,

Franklin Entire Wheat Flour.

Samp, Granulated Wheat

Flour, Avena, Oat Meal,

Etc., for the Table

AT

HOUSTON BROS.

COLLINS FARM HOSPITAL MATTER

Commission to Hold a Meeting to Decide When to Open the Building for Occupancy.

From the Albany Argus.

The State lunacy commission will hold a meeting in New York city next Monday and Tuesday. At this time it is expected that arrangements will be made for the temporary opening up of the Collins Farm State Hospital in Erie county, over which there has been much discussion growing out of the attempt made by Dr. Allen, the discarded superintendent, to prevent the operation of the institution under the direction of Dr. Arthur, his successor, in that position, pending a decision by the courts as to legality of his removal. The lunacy commission has already employed temporary help to harvest the splendid crops on the hospital property, which covers 500 acres of fine farming lands. The commission will probably agree to the operation of the hospital until spring under the care of the treasurer of the institution.

BAPTISTS IN COUNCIL.

Annual Meeting of the Hudson River Association at Nyack.

Rev. F. A. Heath and David E. Lain represented the First Baptist Church, of this city, at the annual meeting of the Hudson River Central Baptist Association, which was held at Nyack, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Lain was president of the association last year and called the meeting to order. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,327 on hand. The meetings were all full of interest. The following officers were elected:

Pres.—Rev. F. W. Lockwood, of Sing Sing.

Vice Pres.—C. V. Sanford, of Warwick.

Rec. Sec'y.—J. W. Frankel, of Saugerties.

Treas.—W. H. Kniffin, Jr., of Rondout.

Cor. Sec'y.—Miss Gertrude Yale, of Tarrytown.

Board of Managers—Rev. R. E. Farrier, E. M. Samner, G. H. Ferriss and C. A. Foote.

EXCELSIORS' INTELLIGENT HORSES

Very Little Training Needed to Teach Them What to Do When the Bell Rings.

The members of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company are more than pleased with the intelligence displayed by their horses in their new quarters. The animals have only been in training since Saturday last, and after the first three or four lessons they took their positions under the harness at the tap of the bell and now perform the duty like veterans. Many spectators are present every day at noon to watch the performance.

Getting \$2 a Basket for Peaches.

From the Sussex Independent.

One of the finest orchards of fruit ever seen in this country is that of Walling Brothers, near Amity. Their fruit has been contracted for by Park & Tilford at \$2 per basket. The packages are the finest we have ever seen and fruit could not be put up in finer form or with more care. On Sunday night they put up 1,200 baskets.

O. and W.'s Salt Water Day Excursion

The Ontario and Western's special excursion to Coney Island, to-day, attracted about six hundred people. Of these about two hundred were from Middletown.

County Fair Notes.

—Entries for the county fair are being made in gratifying numbers at the secretary's office, No. 10 Henry street. Still there's room for more.

—The payment of \$1 constitutes any person a member of the Orange County Agricultural Society, and gives the right to enter as many articles as desired in any department as may be necessary. A membership ticket also admits to the fair.

—Middletown merchants who will make exhibits at the fair are busy engaged in making the necessary preliminary arrangements.

—The present weather continues at week, the Orange County Fair should be one of the most successful in its history.

—The schools of this city will be closed on Wednesday next, that being designated as children's day at the Orange County Fair.

—Entries for the Orange County Fair close tomorrow (Saturday) night. The ladies in this city and vicinity organized to make entries in the fancy, domestic and ordinary departments of the Orange County Fair.

—Don't fail to get your entry for the Orange County Fair in the hands of the secretary, No. 10 Henry street, before tomorrow night.

—Consult a premium list of the Orange County Agricultural Society and see if you can't make an entry that will secure one of the numerous prizes offered. A copy can be had on application at this office.

ARSEN, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1897.—We value Hood's Sarsaparilla very highly. My mother was afflicted with asthma for 20 years. She began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and a few bottles of this medicine cured her. She has not had a sick day since that time. My brother has also taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it has done him much good.

NELSON B. GREEN.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Travelers are frequently troubled with dysentery, diarrhea or other bowel complaints brought on by change of water and diet. One dose of Dr. Fowler's extract of Wild Strawberry will bring relief.

One of Mrs. Pinkham's Talks

Concerning a Mother's Duty to Her Young Daughter. Together with a Chat with Miss Marie Johnson.

The balance wheel of a woman's life is menstruation. On the proper performance of this function depends her health. Irregularity lays the foundation of many diseases, and is in itself a symptom of disease. It is of the greatest importance that regularity be accomplished as soon as possible after the flow is an established fact.

Disturbance of the menstrual function poisons the blood. In young girls suppression develops latent inherited tendencies to scrofula or consumption, and no time must be lost in restoring regularity. Many a young girl goes to her grave because this difficulty has been thought lightly of, and mother has said, "Time will bring about a cure; she is young, I don't worry about her."

Mother, when you see your daughter languid and indifferent to things that usually interest a young girl, when you note that flush on her cheeks, that glassy appearance in her eyes; when your daughter tells you that even the weight of her dress waists oppresses her, and that she has terrible pains in her stomach shortly after eating, don't ignore these signs! If you do, you will be following your daughter to the grave, for she will die!

This is gospel truth—she is developing consumption of the bowels! Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the greatest regulator known to medicine. Make haste to use it on the first appearance of the tell-tale symptoms; it will restore all the female organs to their normal condition. Miss Marie Johnson's letter to Mrs. Pinkham, which follows, should interest all mothers and young ladies. She says:

"My health became so poor that I had to leave school. I was tired all the time, and had dreadful pains in my side and back. I would have the headache so badly that everything would appear black before my eyes, and I could not go on with my studies. I was also troubled with irregularity of menses. I was very weak, and lost so much flesh that my friends became alarmed. My mother, who is a firm believer in your remedies from experience, thought perhaps they might benefit me, and wrote you for advice. I followed the advice you gave, and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as you directed, and am now as well as I ever was. I have gained flesh and have a good color. I am completely cured of irregularity. Words cannot express my gratitude, and I cannot thank you enough for your kind advice and medicine."—MISS MARIE F. JOHNSON, Centerville, Pa.

A Mean Piece of Thievery.

A Catskill woman and her husband are spending ten days in jail for stealing ribbons from the flowers which decorated a newly made grave in the cemetery at that place. The woman used the ribbon to trim a bonnet and was wearing the highly decorated headgear when arrested.

Bicycle Notes.

—Mrs. Young, daughter of ex-Alderman Bowers, is riding a handsome nicked Columbia wheel, which attracts attention.

There is a Class of People

who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Rheumatism Cured in 24 Hours.

T. J. Blackmore, of Haller & Blackmore, Pittsburgh, Pa., says: "A short time since I procured a bottle of 'MYSTIC CURE.' It got me out of the house in twenty-four hours. I took to my bed with Rheumatism nine months ago and the 'MYSTIC CURE' is the only medicine that did me any good. I had five of the best physicians in the city, but I received very little relief from them. I know the 'MYSTIC CURE' to be what it is represented and take pleasure in recommending it to other poor sufferers. Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, North Street."

Would Not Do Without Dr. Hand's Colic Cure.

MEMPHIS, N. Y., Nov. 11, '95.—The Hand Medicine Co.—"Our baby, now nearly four months old, has been troubled ever since birth by Wind Colic. At first we tried the usual remedies, but until we tried Dr. Hand's Colic Cure found nothing that would give relief. Now we would not think of being without your Colic Cure and Dr. Hand's Remedies for Children, 25 cents. At all druggists."

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the long standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. W. D. Olney.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Stock	Yesterday	Today
Amalgamated	155	151 1/2
Am. Express	100	100
Am. Tobacco	100	100
Am. Sugar	100	100
Am. Tea	100	100
Am. Oil	100	100
Am. Paper	100	100
Am. Glass	100	100
Am. Rubber	100	100
Am. Leather	100	100
Am. Lumber	100	100
Am. Coal	100	100
Am. Iron	100	100
Am. Steel	100	100
Am. Copper	100	100
Am. Zinc	100	100
Am. Lead	100	100
Am. Tin	100	100
Am. Silver	100	100
Am. Gold	100	100
Am. Platinum	100	100
Am. Palladium	100	100
Am. Iridium	100	100
Am. Rhodium	100	100
Am. Osmium	100	100
Am. Selenium	100	100
Am. Tellurium	100	100
Am. Bismuth	100	100
Am. Antimony	100	100
Am. Arsenic	100	100
Am. Vanadium	100	100
Am. Manganese	100	100
Am. Nickel	100	100
Am. Cobalt	100	100
Am. Molybdenum	100	100
Am. Uranium	100	100
Am. Thorium	100	100
Am. Radium	100	100
Am. Actinium	100	100
Am. Polonium	100	100
Am. Astatine	100	100
Am. Francium	100	100
Am. Rutherfordium	100	100
Am. Dubnium	100	100
Am. Seaborgium	100	100
Am. Bohrium	100	100
Am. Hassium	100	100
Am. Meitnerium	100	100
Am. Darmstadtium	100	100
Am. Roentgenium	100	100
Am. Copernicium	100	100
Am. Lawrencium	100	100
Am. Rutherfordium	100	100
Am. Dubnium	100	100
Am. Seaborgium	100	100
Am. Bohrium	100	100
Am. Hassium	100	100
Am. Meitnerium	100	100
Am. Darmstadtium	100	100
Am. Roentgenium	100	100
Am. Copernicium	100	100
Am. Lawrencium	100	100

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Society of the First Presbyterian Church meets at Mrs. Houston's home. Mrs. D. D. Houston entertained the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church, Thursday afternoon, at her pleasant home, corner of East avenue and William street.

Although the day was warm the attendance was large and a very interesting meeting was held. After the usual opening exercises the subject of sending a missionary box was discussed and decided upon. Delegates were also appointed to attend the Presbyterian meeting at Ridgebury.

The business of the society having been attended to, a pleasing programme consisting of music and readings was given. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess and a pleasant social time was spent.

BLOOMINGBURGH.

Making Extensive Improvements. Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

Glover Clapham is making extensive alterations and improvements to his residence in this village. George Smith has the contract for the mason work and Theo. Crawford for the carpenter work.

The victories of Hood's Sarsaparilla over all forms of disease conclusively prove that it is an unequalled blood purifier. It conquers the demon, scrofula. Relieves the itching and burning of salt rheum, cures running sores, ulcers, boils, pimples and every other form of humor or disease originating in impure blood. The cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla are cures—absolute, permanent, perfect cures. They are based upon its great power to purify and enrich the blood.

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COWS—COWS—I will have another carload of cows Tuesday morning, Sept. 14th, 1897. S. GIVEANS.

COWS—COWS—I will have two loads of Wayne county cows at my yards, Monday, Sept. 13, 1897. R. S. WICKHAM, Johnson.

GOOD Banjo \$2, mandolins \$1.50 to \$3 each. C. wine barrels, half barrels and kegs, lot cheap overstock, all for sale at EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

BEEF, Wine and Iron—Very best quality, pint bottles sold at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

DR. F. N. FRIEND, Dentist, office corner North and King Sts., Middletown. Entrance on King St. Dental work of all kinds. Gas administered. dlySept 4/97

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you with nails. It makes them soft and heavy. CLAYD sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

A BUSINESS EDUCATION—Railway and Commercial Systems practically taught—Stenography, typewriting and telegraphy, school of commerce, No. 47 Washington street, Middletown, N. Y. Day and evening. Established 1885. dlySept 4/97 J. B. VANGELDER, Principal.

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PHILIP HENRY, Practical House Painter, No. 3 Linden Terrace. Painting walls a specialty. 47dly

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A. M. AMBLER, Jeweler and Engraver, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty. All work fully guaranteed. A full line of watches, clocks, jewelry, novelties, etc. Give us a call. 2dlySept 13/97

WANTED—By women, each with an infant or young child, situations in the country (general house-work, plain cooking, etc.). Small wages expected. Railroad fare paid by association. Apply State Charities' Aid Association, 105 East Second street, New York city. 2dlySept 13/97

\$25 REWARD will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of parties taking out dunn or tampering with stolen goods. Black Pond. dlySept 13/97

MALT Extract (Sterilized)—A splendid stimulant and tonic especially valuable in dyspepsia and wasting diseases. If you are out of sorts and don't feel right, try it. 5c a bottle, 5 bottles \$1. Large supply 1-1-1 provided at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

FOR sale or exchange for city property, 125 acres, new dwelling, near Board's corner, denery, Wallkill, Ulster county. Bargain to quick buyer. dlySept 13/97

WILLIAM OTTO BENDER, City Upholster and Sewing Maker, with good help, is now ready to take orders for all kinds of work in his line. Over 200 samples of awnings, for private houses and stores, to select from. Residences and factory to Knapp Ave., near Wickham. 18My19

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FRED O. LOCKE, FELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 30 North street. Telephone No. 3. dlySept 13/97 New York office 151 East 2nd street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

K. NAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street, corner Jones, Middletown, N. Y. 20 Great Jones st., New York city. dlySept 13/97

JOHN LOSOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 121 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. dlySept 13/97

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 12, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. dlySept 13/97

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Everything New for This Fall in Hats and Caps.

All the proper styles can be found at our place, and always for good, honest goods at less money than any one else charges.

OUR \$1 HAT is the same quality others charge \$1.25.

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We Guarantee All Our Hats, and Give You a New One if the Old One Hasn't Given Satisfaction.

Caps at all prices in all styles. TAMS FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS—The same goods others charge 50c., our price 39 CENTS. Just give a look into our store before you buy.

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Budwig & Co. 8 NORTH ST. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

Look for it when you buy Clothing.

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Shoe Your Children With OUR SCHOOL SHOES!

Boys' Good Service Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, \$1, worth \$1.50.

Youths' Good Service School Shoes, sizes from 12 to 2, 98c.

Girls' Box Calf Shoes, worth \$1.25, this week 60, 75, 90c.

SAMUELS' One Price Shoe Store, No. 11 North Street.

8 Cents Per Can for Delicious CANNED PEAS.

These goods are the quality usually sold at 15c per can. After this lot is sold we cannot replace them at anywhere near the former price, so make your purchase early.

B. F. TODD, 121 North St., Middletown.

BIG LOT OF PEACHES! TO-DAY.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON, Cottage Hotel Entertainments WEEK OF AUG. 30.

Matinees at 3. Evenings at 8.

AUCTION at 95 Highland avenue, Friday, Sept. 10th, at 2 o'clock—Parlor suit, carpets, bed room suits, sofa, lounge, stands, a fine buffet, extension table, fruit cans and other articles.

One bay mare, good driver, two top buggies, lumber wagon, cutter, harness, rakes, blankets, tools, vinegar, towels. 18dlySept 13/97

Proposals for Supplies. Proposals for supplying the Middletown State Hospital with Meats and Milk for the six months beginning October 1st, and ending March 31st, will be received till noon of September 10th. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Hospital. 38 141

NOTICE. I will offer at private sale, for the next ten days, the stock and fixtures of the Plumbing Business of J. A. Wood, No. 31 Wickham avenue. Enquire at the hardware store of Hoyt & Galloway, No. 10 East Main street, or of the subscriber, 137 South street. 42dlySept 13/97

FOR SALE—Pair Black Ponies, 4 and 5 years old, broken since or double, sound and kind, weight about 1000 each, well matched, good riders. Owner has no use for them. Also saddle horses at bargain. Apply to G. F. HARDING, Wurtsboro.

CHILDREN'S Caps—A lovely assortment of children's caps just received. 50dlySept 13/97

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